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1. A PRAVDA ARTICLE BY B. VLADIMIROV AUGUST 24 SUPPORTS AND AMPLIFIES ON THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AUGUST 22 STATEMENT ON CYPRUS (REFTEL). THE ARTICLE STRESSES THREE POINTS: (1) THAT THE SITUATION IN AND AROUND CYPRUS IS STILL FAR FROM STABLE AND THAT THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARE SEVERE; (2) THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHIN THE CONFINES OF NATO, SINCE PREVIOUS SO-CALLED "GUARANTEES" HAD SIMPLY BEEN A PRETEXT FOR NATO MEDDLING IN CYPRUS; AND (3) THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL WAS DIRECTED TOWARD ACHIEVING A SECURE PEACE IN CYPRUS AND TOWARD REDUCING INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS GENERALLY. THE LAST POINT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY PICKING UP THE STATEMENT'S RELATING OF CYPRUS TO DETENTE,

MAY BE PARTIALLY INTENDED AS A PROD TO THE U.S.

2. TASS HAS REPLAYED FAVORABLE COMMENTS FROM NUMEROUS FOREIGN SOURCES, AND THE TELEVISION NEWS AGUSUT 23 FEATURED THE ENDORSEMENT BY THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS NOT YET CARRIED GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS' REPORTED ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL.
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